 Internal Case Management System Worksheet - Case Closing				Top Allegation CRIME (NOT DOMESTIC) - GRAND LARCENY - OTHER		Group G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC Date of This Report 06/21/2020	
Date Reported 10/16/2017	Date Assigned 10/16/2017	IAB Log No. 2017-40274	Case No. (G56) C-2017-527	Folder Type CORRUPTION	Preliminary Case Type CORRUPTION	Follow-Up No.	Worksheet Tracking No. 4537035

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Closing Statement

Case#:
C-2017-0257

Log#:
2017-40274
2020-9711
2020-12283

Subject Officer(S):
TEA Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax #351338, Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit
Appointment Date: 12/21/2006
Probation: No
Current Duty Status: Active

Date Case Received:
October 20, 2017

Date of Occurrence:
Various

Administrative Statute of Limitations Expires:
April 16, 2019
This date was extended due to this case having a criminal exception.

Classification:
C1

Investigator:
Sergeant Michael Spennato, Tax# 945442

Team Leader:
Lieutenant Sherman Cox, Tax# 918892

Overall Disposition:
Substantiated

Details:
Log# 2017 □ 40274
On October 16, 2017, complainant [REDACTED] stated he moved to the state of Georgia two (2) months ago and has been waiting for his 401K checks to arrive. [REDACTED] stated the checks were delivered to his old address at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Complainant believes [REDACTED] Traffic Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax# 351338, signed for and deposited his 401k checks in People's Alliance F.C.U. One (1) check amount is eleven thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents (\$11,914.66) and the other one (1) is listed as thirty-eight thousand, eighty five dollars and thirty-four cents (\$38,085.34). [REDACTED] believes it was TEA Israel-Teka because the checks were sent to an address [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] where she still resides, and because they were deposited in a bank near her job in downtown Brooklyn. Complainant stated his name was spelled wrong on the signature and he thinks it was [REDACTED] because there was no ID number written on the back of the check. This log was initially investigated as a callout by Group 56 investigators, and then as a 'C' case.

Log# 2020-9711

On Thursday April 02, 2020, Charges and Specifications were preferred against Traffic Enforcement Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax# 351338, assigned to the Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit. The Charges and Specifications were preferred by Captain Caren McCormick, C.O. of Group 56, under the authority of Assistant Chief Brian O'Neill, Executive Officer of IAB. The Charges have been filed under Department Advocate Serial# 2019-21319, by Department Advocate Erica Esko.

Log# 2020-12283

On Tuesday May 12, 2020, TEA Israel-Teka, Tax# 351338, was suspended for the good order of the Department by Lt. Cox of Group 56, at the direction of Deputy Inspector Parente, Executive Officer of IAB Zone 3, under the authority of Deputy Chief Cooper, Commanding Officer of IAB Criminal Investigations Division.

Identification and Interview of the Complainant:

The complainant, [REDACTED] was identified in the initial log by name and was interviewed on multiple occasions by the case investigators and the Brooklyn District Attorney's office.

On October 16, 2017, during the initial interview of the complainant, [REDACTED] stated that he [REDACTED] to the subject agent, TEA Israel-Teka, but [REDACTED] for approximately three (3) years. The last time [REDACTED] resided at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in September of 2014. [REDACTED] stated that the signature endorsements on the checks in question were not his signature, but he does not believe that the signature was an attempt to copy his handwriting. [REDACTED] stated that the handwriting did not look familiar to him. He stated that he had not spoken to the subject in regards to the checks being cashed. When asked about his willingness to participate in a controlled phone call, [REDACTED] declined stating that he did not want to speak with the subject. [REDACTED] did state, however, that he was willing to prosecute upon identifying any and all perpetrators.

On October 18, 2017, the complainant, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were interviewed and stated that [REDACTED] account was with People's Alliance Federal Credit Union and was one and the same as US Alliance Federal Credit Union. [REDACTED] provided me with [REDACTED]'s account number and stated that the checks were deposited into her father's account. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and TEA Israel-Teka [REDACTED] and do not speak to each other, nor does he speak to his [REDACTED] who lives with TEA Israel-Teka. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]'s account with the US Alliance had been open for three (3) years but had never been used since he had another account with a different bank. [REDACTED] also stated that these were the first checks sent out by the Plumber's union from [REDACTED] 401K and that [REDACTED] advised the plumber's union to send the checks to Georgia but they were sent to his former address, (TEA Israel-Teka's address - [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] stated that someone in TEA Israel-Teka's residence deposited the checks and forged his name on them. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had not seen an account statement from the credit union and had no idea if money had been removed. [REDACTED] advised me that she received the bank statement from the bank and it showed someone paying bills from the account.

On October 24, 2017, during another interview, [REDACTED] again stated he wanted to pursue criminal charges against TEA Israel-Teka. [REDACTED] stated that there were no other checks deposited from his Plumber's Union 401K account into his account with US Alliance prior to the September 2017 statement. [REDACTED] stated that he did not know where any deposits prior to the September 2017 statement came from. [REDACTED] stated that on September 2017 a card was sent to his old address in Brooklyn ([REDACTED]) for the US Alliance account. [REDACTED] stated he was also in possession of a card from US Alliance, but it expired in August of 2016.

On November 16, 2017, a follow-up interview was conducted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was asked if he had any contact with the subject to which he replied, "No". [REDACTED] then stated that her father and TEA Israel-Teka last spoke approximately three (3) and a half (1/2) years ago. [REDACTED] stated that she spoke with TEA Israel-Teka on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, due to the utilities in the subject's residence being shut off. TEA Israel-Teka asked why [REDACTED] shut off the utilities and stated to [REDACTED] that she knew [REDACTED] was mad about the money being taken out of his account, but she needed that money to pay the bills. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that the Plumbers Union froze any further checks to his old residence and that anything prior to the September 2017 statement was the subject's money. The deposit on June 27, 2017 for twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000) is believed to be a settlement from an incident that occurred while the subject agent was working for the NYPD. The complainant and [REDACTED] were also asked about the nine thousand five hundred, thirty-one dollars and seventy-three cents (\$9,531.73) deposited on October 11, 2016, and they stated that it was also the subject's money.

On January 16, 2018, the case investigator, along with Brooklyn ADA Adriana Rodriguez, interviewed [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] TEA Israel-Teka in the early 2000's and they [REDACTED] in 1989. TEA Israel-Teka moved into [REDACTED] in the early 2000's once they were married. That property is owned by [REDACTED] and he is listed as the only owner on the deed. TEA Israel-Teka had [REDACTED] to the complainant. [REDACTED] stated he stopped giving TEA Israel-Teka permission to sign his name as of 2012 to 2013 due to [REDACTED] and he [REDACTED] TEA Israel-Teka since 2014. [REDACTED] stated that he requested to close his 401K from the plumbers union. The two (2) checks received from the plumber's union forth irtly eight thousand, eighty five dollars and thirty four cents (\$38,085.34) and eleven thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty six cents (\$11,914.66) were sent to [REDACTED] and were deposited without his permission or authority by TEA Israel-Teka. [REDACTED] stated he has been in Atlanta since August of 2017 and only came back to NYC in December of 2017. [REDACTED] further stated that he did not sign the checks and that they were signed by TEA Israel-Teka without his permission or authority. In addition, TEA Israel-Teka spelled [REDACTED]'s name wrong on the eleven thousand nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents (\$11,914.66) check.

On February 1, 2018, I again interviewed [REDACTED] and asked him to listen to audio from US Alliance FCU from May 09, 2016 through June 27, 2017, and attempt to identify the voice(s) of the person calling and stating that they are him. [REDACTED] identified

all six (6) of the recordings as the subject, TEA Israel-Teka, calling US Alliance and stating that she was him. [REDACTED] was asked if he gave permission or authority to TEA Israel-Teka to use his name or other identifying information, to which he replied, "No".

On April 10, 2018, I did once again contact [REDACTED] at which point he stated that he would be going back to Grenada on April 29, 2018 and provided his contact number. [REDACTED] further stated that if he was requested to return, he would come back to New York at any time. Subsequent to this conversation, multiple attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] both directly, and via [REDACTED] to no avail.

An E-Justice and RTCC background check conducted on the complainant, [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED] yielded no prior criminal history.

Identification and Interview of Witness(es):

[REDACTED] was added to this case as a witness. [REDACTED] is one of the [REDACTED] of complainant [REDACTED] and assisted him in making his complaint and providing financial documents regarding his allegations. When interviewed, [REDACTED]'s statement was consistent with that of [REDACTED]'s statement in that [REDACTED]'s 401K checks had been cashed and deposited without his authorization and that there were multiple transactions conducted on his banking accounts which appeared to possibly be done by the subject, TEA Israel-Teka.

A criminal background check conducted on [REDACTED] through E-Justice and DAS Lite revealed that she had no prior arrest or criminal history.

Canvass:

Attempts to obtain surveillance video from multiple store transactions listed on [REDACTED]'s September 2017 bank statement were made. All stores that were visited stated that either their video had been recycled over or were saved for only a limited amount of time and therefore deleted prior to this investigation being initiated.

The video surveillance from People's Alliance F.C.U. ([REDACTED]) was obtained and reviewed from September 29, 2017. The video surveillance showed the subject TEA Israel-Teka conducting a transaction which corresponded to the complainant [REDACTED]'s September 2017 bank statement from US Alliance Financial. The video showed the subject agent entering the bank, depositing a check for thirty eight thousand, eighty five dollars and thirty four cents (\$38,085.34), and then proceeding to the outdoor ATM and withdrawing one thousand (\$1,000) dollars. The check was deposited and endorsed with the complainant's name, [REDACTED] and stamped by the People's Alliance F.C.U. on the corresponding date.

I reviewed the surveillance video from the November 7, 2017, MCU ATM. The ATM video showed a female traffic agent at the ATM conducting a transaction. The transaction time and account withdrawn from matches that of the complainant Augustin Teka's US Alliance account. Along with ADA Rodriguez, I did show the complainant the surveillance video from People's Alliance FCU and MCU Bank. The complainant positively identified TEA Israel-Teka as the person in the videos conducting transactions from his account without permission or authority to do so. We then proceeded to question [REDACTED] about the audio recordings from US Alliance FCU, and [REDACTED] again identified TEA Israel-Teka on (16) sixteen recordings, [REDACTED] on (5) five recordings, and an unknown male on (4) four recordings using his personal information to access his account without permission or authority. He also identified himself calling with his daughter on one (1) recording.

Identification of Subject Officer(s):

The subject, TEA Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax# 351338, was identified in the initial log by name and address by the complainant, [REDACTED]. She was further identified through a review of Department records and financial statements.

Review of Department Records:

I reviewed the Command Center audio of the complaint made by [REDACTED]. There was no further information obtained from the call as the recording was consistent with the narrative of the log. The log revealed that [REDACTED] Plumbers Local Union No. 1 Trust Funds check for eleven thousand nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents (\$11,914.66) was issued on September 08, 2017, and deposited on September 18, 2017 into People's Alliance FCU. The check for thirty eight thousand, eighty five dollars and thirty four cents (\$38,085.34) was also issued on September 08, 2017 and deposited on September 29, 2017 into People's Alliance FCU.

I reviewed the subject agent's PA-15. The subject and [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] on February 14, 1996. The subject and [REDACTED] were married at [REDACTED] and this date was certified on March 24, 2005 by the City Clerk. The subject and [REDACTED] are [REDACTED] and do not live together. The subject was also noted to have five (5) five worker's compensation claims in her PA-15 for incidents while on duty as a Traffic Agent.

I reviewed TEA Israel-Teka's Designation of Beneficiary. Her Accidental Death Benefit was noted to be for her [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Computer and Related Background Checks:

IAPRO/ICIS checks on the subject, TEA Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax# 351338, assigned to Brooklyn Summons Enforcement, were conducted which revealed four (4) prior logs. No similar past allegation was found.

A DAS lite check of the subject TEA Israel-Teka check yielded no criminal history.

An E-Justice check of TEA Israel-Teka revealed no results for any prior criminal/ arrest history.

A CityTime check was conducted on subject TEA Israel-Teka. An October 16, 2017 CityTime records check indicated that TEA Israel-Teka was out of work receiving Workers Compensation effective as of September 16, 2017 with a status of Inactive. A follow-up check was conducted on November 16, 2017 indicating that TEA Israel-Teka's leave status was Active and the subject returned to work from Worker's Compensation leave on October 27, 2017.

A Z-Finest check was conducted on TEA Israel-Teka. TEA Israel-Teka's address at the time of the check was [REDACTED]

A license plate reader check on TEA Teka's NY [REDACTED] 2015, Honda revealed the most frequent LPR hits were from Brooklyn Bridge Manhattan Bound (18) eighteen times, and Brooklyn Bridge Brooklyn Bound (14) fourteen times.

An Omni, Das lite, and Z-Finest audit on subject agent TEA Israel-Teka was conducted in order to see if she was utilizing Department computers to obtain information on the complainant, [REDACTED] personal information. No unauthorized inquires were found.

Omni, Das lite, Z-Finest and Enforcer audits on complainant [REDACTED] were conducted to ascertain if anyone with a connection to subject TEA Israel-Teka conducted computer inquiries on him. No such inquiries were found.

An updated review of TEA Israel-Teka's PEPRsh owed her current home address listed as: [REDACTED] changed from her previous home address of [REDACTED]

An E-Justice and DAS Lite check of the subject and complainant's daughter, [REDACTED] yielded no results for any criminal/arrest history.

An E-Justice and DAS Lite check of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] s boyfriend, who was said to reside at the residence of the subject agent, revealed no prior criminal/arrest history.

A RTCC criminal background check for [REDACTED] DOB- [REDACTED] was conducted. [REDACTED] is known under NYSID # [REDACTED]. Address - [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]

An E-Justice check of [REDACTED] revealed [REDACTED]

I subpoenaed the records for the LYFTcar service transactions during which the complainant's debit card was utilized. The records indicated the complainant's card was used by subject agent TEA Israel-Teka on September 26, 2017.

I reviewed TEA Israel-Teka's Workers Compensation Board cases, no information of investigative value was found.

I reviewed the Google Pay account in which the subject, TEA Israel-Teka, used [REDACTED] s debit card information on August 4, 2017 and noted a three thousand dollar (\$3,000) deduction was made from his US Alliance account through Google Pay.

I reviewed the PayPal account in which the subject, TEA Israel-Teka, used the complainant's debit card information on September 24, 2017 and noted a twenty-eight dollar and fifty cent (\$28.50) deduction was made from his US Alliance account through PayPal.

I subpoenaed People's Alliance FCU and was informed by the Senior Manager of Internal Controls for People's Alliance FCU, that there were no accounts on file for TEA Michelle Israel-Teka.

Conferrals Conducted:

An IAB intelligence check was conducted on TEA Israel-Teka, however, the check resulted in no information of investigative value to this case.

On October 24, 2017, I did an initial conferral with ADA Muse via phone, and then in person on October 24, 2017, along with ADA Wolosow, from the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, who then forwarded the case to ADA Rodriguez.

I conferred with Sergeant Alvin Rodriguez, Tax #933273, from Group 2, regarding analysis of Mr. Teka's US Alliance FCU account. The statement dates analyzed were from July 31, 2013 through October 31, 2017. The Signature Card was not provided on the account, however, the bank statements only listed [REDACTED]. There were two (2) deposits, the first one (1) for eleven thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars and sixty six cents (\$11,914.66) on September 18, 2017, and the second for thirty eight thousand and eighty five dollars and thirty four cents (\$38,085.34) on September 29, 2017, that were deposited into [REDACTED] s US Alliance Federal Credit Union Account. After reviewing the deposit slips, subject TEA Israel-Teka's name, signature and NYS Driver's License information were noted on the deposit slips. These deposits were made at [REDACTED]

A Group 2 analysis of TEA Israel-Teka's Municipal Credit Union Account was also conducted. The account was jointly held with subject, TEA Israel-Teka and [REDACTED] from August 23, 2014 until February 16, 2012. Once the jointly held account was dissolved in 2012, there were no purchases made on this account. The account was funded through partial payroll deposits and transfers between Primary Share and the Fastrack Checking accounts. The deposit pattern did not increase from 2013 through 2017.

I conferred with Police Officer Inoa Santiago, Tax #951839, from Group 2 regarding a financial background check on witness [REDACTED] and complainant [REDACTED]'s PNC Bank Checking Account. The financial check resulted in no information of investigative value to this case.

I conducted a conferral with Sgt. Olga Vanbrakle, Tax #933333, from Group 2 who, after speaking with her C.O., determined that an analysis of the documents from [REDACTED]'s joint Brokerage Account and Capital One savings and checking accounts with [REDACTED] would not be analyzed as they did not have any relevance to TEA Israel-Teka.

A conferral was held with Police Officer James Tropiano, Tax #935875, from Group 7 in regards to a social media check on the subject TEA Israel-Teka, and [REDACTED]. No online accounts were found for [REDACTED] and TEA Israel-Teka's Facebook profile was reviewed and no indication of an increase in spending or pictures of money or other information of investigative value was found.

I conducted a conferral with Criminalist Level 4 Anna Guzowski. Criminalist Guzowski stated in order to conduct a hand writing analysis, 15-20 legible signatures from the subject, TEA Israel-Teka, and 15-20 legible signatures from the complainant, [REDACTED] along with the documents in question, would be required.

I conferred with Detective Monoca Falango, Tax #920991, from Group 52 regarding the integrity test history of TEA Israel-Teka. Det Falango stated that there was no integrity test history for TEA Israel-Teka.

Multiple conferrals were held with the District Attorney's Office throughout the course of this investigation, with multiple ADA's involved. The case investigator conferred with ADA Rodriguez regarding the possible prosecution of the subject agent and was advised to forego the hand writing analysis of TEA Israel-Teka and [REDACTED]. It was also then requested that the District Attorney's office be the contact point between the complainant, his daughter, and the investigators for the case until a decision regarding criminal prosecution was established.

During subsequent ADA conferrals, the case investigator was informed that prosecution of TEA Israel-Teka would occur and the only thing that would prevent it would be if the complainant was no longer cooperative. The case investigator was also informed that the acting ADA had spoken with the complainant's daughter and that she had mentioned that [REDACTED] may have, at some point in the past, given the subject Power of Attorney to conduct financial transactions on his behalf. However, [REDACTED] did not know the exact details of the Power of Attorney and the complainant had been sent a letter requesting a call back to discuss the case.

The case investigator conferred with Department Advocate Agency Attorney Suweidan who stated that this case would fall under the Criminal Exception to the administrative statute of limitations upon the DA's office decision to prosecute or not.

On October 2, 2019, the case investigator conferred with Brooklyn District Attorney Deputy Bureau Chief Eribo and was informed that prosecution of TEA Israel-Teka would not be moving forward due to the complainant being uncooperative, and a waiver to PG the subject, TEA Israel-Teka, was granted.

Lt. Wolf, Tax # 905310, BNTE ICO, was conferred with pertaining to the Power of Attorney paperwork that had been requested of TEA Israel-Teka during her PG Hearing, and provided to him. The paperwork was reviewed by the case investigator and noted to contain a "Power of Attorney - New York Statutory Short Form" which was signed by [REDACTED] and notarized on June 1, 2016. The form designated TEA Israel-Teka to act as [REDACTED]'s agent, however in section (f) which grants the agent specific authorities, banking transactions were excluded.

On January 9, 2020, Detective Lai, Tax #935151, from Group 7 was conferred with in regards to a LUDDS and TOLLS request for TEA Israel-Teka's cell phone. The top eleven (11) most frequently contacted numbers were analyzed and none of the numbers were associated with the complainant, [REDACTED]. This information refuted the subject's statement in her PG hearing that she spoke with the complainant, [REDACTED] on a daily basis.

On April 1, 2020, Charges and Specifications were preferred by Captain Caren McCormick under the authority of Assistant Chief Brian O'Neill, under Department Advocate Serial# 2019-21319, by Department Advocate Erica Esko for the following:

1. Said Traffic Enforcement Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, assigned to Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit, on or about and between September 18, 2017 and October 11, 2017, did steal property valued over three thousand dollars, to wit; said Traffic Enforcement Agent Israel-Teka withdrew eighteen thousand eight hundred thirty dollars and forty-six cents (\$18,830.46) from [REDACTED]'s bank account, without permission or authority.
2. Said Traffic Enforcement Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, assigned to Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit, on or about and between May 9, 2016 and November 7, 2017, knowingly and with intent to defraud did assume the identity of another person by presenting herself as that other person to obtain goods, money, property or services, to wit; said Traffic Enforcement Agent Israel-Teka impersonated [REDACTED] over the phone, without permission or authority, in order to conduct telephone banking transactions involving [REDACTED]'s bank account.
3. Said Traffic Enforcement Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, while assigned to Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit, on or about October 31, 2019, during an official Department investigation conducted by Sergeant William Fletcher, Tax No. 941764, pursuant to the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, did wrongfully make misleading and inaccurate statements, regarding whether she impersonated [REDACTED] in order to conduct telephone banking transactions.
4. Said Traffic Enforcement Agent Michelle Israel-Teka, while assigned to Brooklyn North Traffic Enforcement Unit, on or about October 31, 2019, during an official Department investigation conducted by Sergeant William Fletcher, Tax No. 941764, pursuant to the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, did wrongfully make false statements, in that she stated that she spoke to [REDACTED] on the phone on a daily basis.

Proactive Measures:

N/A

Other Information of Investigative Value:

On Tuesday May 12, 2020, while present at [REDACTED] Lt. Sherman Cox, Tax# 918892, of Group 56, and the case investigator, did formally serve TEA Israel-Teka her Charges and Specifications preferred under Department Advocate Serial# 2019-21319, at her command. TEA Israel-Teka was also provided with the Responsibilities and Instructions, and Instructions for Members of the Service Who Have Been Served Charges and Specifications.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, after being served her Charges and Specifications, TEA Israel-Teka, Tax #351338, was suspended from duty by Lt. Cox, Tax #918892, at the direction of DI Michael Parente, XO of Zone 3, under the authority of DC Alan Cooper, CO of IAB Criminal Investigations. TEA Israel-Teka was suspended from duty while at her command. Her Department identification, shield and equipment were confiscated. TEA Israel-Teka was advised of her responsibilities while on suspension and was offered the opportunity to resign, and declined to do so.

A handwriting analysis of the signatures observed on the checks in question was not conducted due to the following: During several conferrals with the District Attorney's office regarding the request to conduct a handwriting analysis, the case investigator was requested to hold off on such analysis. The case investigator was then subsequently requested to not reach out to the complainant so that the District Attorney's office could secure his cooperation. This precluded the investigator's ability to obtain any additional required signatures. [REDACTED] then became uncooperative at which point a criminal waiver was obtained and the subject agent formally interviewed in a Department hearing. During said interview, TEA Israel-Teka openly admitted to signing and depositing the checks in question, along with others, as she stated she had the consent of the C/V, [REDACTED] to do so. With [REDACTED] being uncooperative, and the probability that many of the checks deposited in his accounts had been signed by the subject agent, it was determined that a handwriting analysis would most likely be futile and was therefore no longer considered as a useful investigative step for this case.

Patrol Guide 206-13 Hearings:

On Thursday October 31, 2019, TEA Israel-Teka was given a formal Departmental hearing as a subject agent. When questioned as to her [REDACTED] she stated that she was currently [REDACTED] and they were [REDACTED]. She stated that he lived in Grenada, they spoke on the phone every day, and she had recently visited him in May of 2019. She was questioned whether she had ever utilized [REDACTED]'s bank accounts and she stated that she had. TEA Israel-Teka stated that they had joint accounts with Citibank and MCU and that she had also utilized [REDACTED]'s US Alliance Credit Union account. She stated that she had always signed and deposited checks for [REDACTED] and that all transactions conducted were done with [REDACTED]'s permission and authority. She also stated that she had obtained a debit card for [REDACTED]'s US Alliance account, however, this was also done with his permission for her to pay bills with. TEA Israel-Teka stated she had deposited the checks from the plumbers union into the US Alliance account and that she had made withdrawals from the account, however, the money was not used for her personal use, it was sent to [REDACTED] or used to pay bills. Later in the interview the subject admitted that after she deposited the second check the complainant called her and told her that he did not want her to take the money, and placed a freeze on the account. TEA Israel-Teka stated that [REDACTED] gave her power of attorney approximately eight (8) years ago. She stated that [REDACTED] gets confused however, he has never been diagnosed with any mental issues nor has he been deemed incompetent. She stated she complies with his wishes regarding what to do with the money, but he often forgets what he told her to do, and gets angry after the fact. TEA Israel-Teka was questioned whether she had ever called US Alliance and impersonated [REDACTED] by using his personal identifying information, and she denied doing so, twice. Initially she stated that she had called and explained the situation before conducting any transactions, then she said that she had her son call. TEA Israel-Teka was then played a recording of a phone call between her and US Alliance where she used [REDACTED]'s personal identifying information. She confirmed that she had made the phone call and stated that she had forgotten about that phone call when she had previously denied using [REDACTED]'s information. She confirmed that she had also provided [REDACTED]'s personal information to her son to impersonate him to US Alliance. She stated that [REDACTED] knew this and it was done with his permission. TEA Israel-Teka was questioned as to why, if she had a full power of attorney, she had to impersonate [REDACTED] over the phone. She stated that she went to the bank with the Power of Attorney and they stated to her that she could not conduct transactions for [REDACTED] using the power of attorney that she had. She insisted that even with another valid power of attorney she wouldn't have been able to take money out of the account, and also stated that credit unions "didn't work like that". After repeated questioning, TEA Israel-Teka was unable to provide a reason why various financial institutions advised her that the alleged power of attorney she had was not valid. She stated that the power of attorney that she possessed was never revoked and was still valid. TEA Israel-Teka was then directly questioned whether she had intentionally defrauded [REDACTED] and she denied doing such. TEA Israel-Teka was then questioned regarding the criminal history of her [REDACTED]. She stated that she was aware that her [REDACTED] had been arrested in the past and that his most recent arrest occurred in the last year for driving with a suspended license.

Supervisory Deficiencies:

This case was reviewed for supervisory deficiencies and none were noted which affected the investigative findings.

Conclusion:

Based upon the investigative findings, the a lIegation Association - Criminal - Family Member, will be closed with the finding of INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE. During this investigation it was revealed that TEA Israel-Teka's [REDACTED] has a [REDACTED]. During her PG hearing TEA Israel-Teka was questioned regarding the [REDACTED] and stated that she was aware that he has been [REDACTED]. There was, however, no criminal nexus found between TEA Israel-Teka and [REDACTED]. The allegation Crime (Not Domestic) Other, for Identity Theft, will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. A review of banking transactions

along with audio and videotapes revealed that on or about and between May 9, 2016 and November 7, 2017, TEA Israel-Teka, knowingly and with intent to defraud, did assume the identity of [REDACTED] by impersonating him over the phone to obtain money from his account without his permission or authority, Charges preferred, Specification #2. The allegation Official Statement - False Statement - PG, will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about October 31, 2019, during her official Departmental hearing pursuant to the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, TEA Israel-Teka did make false statements by stating that she spoke to [REDACTED] on the phone on a daily basis. A review of her subpoenaed LUDDS and TOLLS records indicated no such contact with any number associated with [REDACTED]. Charges preferred, Specification #4. The allegation Charges & Specifications - IAB will be closed with the finding of INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE. Charges & Specifications were preferred against TEA Israel-Teka under DAO Serial #2019-21319 regarding this case. The allegation Crime (Not Domestic) - Grand Larceny - Other, will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. This investigation revealed, through a review of multiple bank records and surveillance evidence, that TEA Israel-Teka, on or about and between September 18, 2017 and October 11, 2017, did withdraw from complainant [REDACTED]'s bank accounts approximately eighteen thousand, eight hundred and thirty dollars and forty six cents, (\$18,830.46) without his permission or authority, Charges preferred, Specification #1. The allegation Official Statement - Misleading Statements - PG, will be closed with the findings of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about October 31, 2019, during an official Departmental hearing under the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, TEA Israel-Teka did make misleading and inaccurate statements regarding whether she impersonated [REDACTED] in order to conduct telephone banking transactions, Charges preferred, Specification #3. The allegation Suspended MOS-Other is closed with a finding of INFORMATION and INTELLIGENCE. On Tuesday May 12, 2020, TEA Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax #351 338, was suspended from duty by Lt. Cox, Group 56, at the direction of D.I. Parente, XO of Zone 3, under the authority of Deputy Chief Cooper, CO of IAB Criminal Investigations. She has since been restored to a duty status of Active.

* The original case closing has been removed from the case folder due to the case investigator being reassigned and there is no longer access to edit his worksheet. A copy of the original case closing, with endorsements, has been added to this closing as an attachment. *

Subjects Involved





Name	Status	Sex	Race	Dob
351338 MICHELLE ISRAELTEKA TE1 (889-TRB BROOKLYN TRAFFIC ENF UNIT)	CIVILIAN MEMBER OF SERVICE	FEMALE	BLACK	[REDACTED]




Allegations

1	Full Allegation	Classification	Allegation Index	Allegation Date	Finding	Finding Date
	Association - Criminal - Family Member	Abuse of Dept Regulations	ASSFAM-Abuse/Associates Family	12/05/2018	04 - Info. and Intelligence	04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Association - Criminal - Family Member will be closed with the finding of INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE. During the PG hearing TEA Teka was questioned regarding the criminal history of [REDACTED]. TEA Teka stated that she was aware that he has been arrested in the past and that his most recent arrest occurred for driving with a suspended license.					
2	Full Allegation	Classification	Allegation Index	Allegation Date	Finding	Finding Date
	Crime (Not Domestic) - Other	Crime	O-Crime Other	03/02/2020	07 - Substantiated	04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Crime (Not Domestic) □ Other will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about and between May 9, 2016 and November 7, 2017, knowingly and with intent to defraud did assume the identity of another person by presenting herself as that other person to obtain goods, money, property or services, to wit: said Traffic Enforcement Agent Israel-Teka impersonated [REDACTED] over the phone, without permission or authority, in order to conduct telephone banking transactions involving [REDACTED]'s bank account. DAO Serial #2019-21319 Spec 2. Identity Theft in the first degree PL 190.80.					
3	Full Allegation	Classification	Allegation Index	Allegation Date	Finding	Finding Date
	Official Statement - False Statement - PG	Perjury/False Statements	GO15-PG 206-13	03/02/2020	07 - Substantiated	04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Official Statement - False Statement - PG will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about October 31, 2019, during an official Department investigation conducted by Sergeant William					

	Fletcher, Tax No. 941764, pursuant to the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, did wrongfully make false statements, in that she stated that she spoke to [REDACTED] on the phone on a daily basis. DAO Serial #2019-21319 Spec 4.				
4	Full Allegation Charges & Specifications - IAB	Classification NOTIFICATION/Additional Information	Allegation Index CS-Charges and Specifications	Allegation Date 04/02/2020	Finding 04 - Info. and Intelligence Finding Date 04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Charges & Specifications □ IAB will be closed with the finding of INFORMATION & INTELLIGENCE. Charges & Specifications DAO Serial #2019-21319 were issued to the subject as a result.				
5	Full Allegation Crime (Not Domestic) - Grand Larceny - Other	Classification Crime	Allegation Index O-Crime Other	Allegation Date 04/06/2020	Finding 07 - Substantiated Finding Date 04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Crime (Not Domestic) - Grand Larceny - Other will be closed with the finding of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about and between September 18, 2017 and October 11, 2017, did steal property valued over three thousand dollars, to wit; said Traffic Enforcement Agent Israel-Teka withdrew \$18,830.46 from [REDACTED]'s bank account, without permission or authority. DAO Serial #2019-21319 Spec 1. Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree PL 155.35.				
6	Full Allegation Official Statement - Misleading Statement - PG	Classification Perjury/False Statements	Allegation Index GO15-PG 206-13	Allegation Date 04/06/2020	Finding 07 - Substantiated Finding Date 04/05/2020
	Comments The allegation Official Statement - Misleading Statements - PG will be closed with the findings of SUBSTANTIATED. On or about October 31, 2019, during an official Department investigation conducted by Sergeant William Fletcher, Tax No. 941764, pursuant to the provisions of Patrol Guide Section 206-13, did wrongfully make misleading and inaccurate statements, regarding whether she impersonated [REDACTED] in order to conduct telephone banking transactions. DAO Serial #2019-21319 Spec 3.				
7	Full Allegation Suspended MOS - Other - IAB	Classification NOTIFICATION/Additional Information	Allegation Index ADD-Additional Information	Allegation Date 05/12/2020	Finding 04 - Info. and Intelligence Finding Date 05/21/2020
	Comments The allegation Suspended MOS Other will be closed with a finding of INFORMATION and INTELLIGENCE. On Tuesday May 12, 2020, TEA Michelle Israel-Teka, Tax #351338, was suspended from duty by Lt Sherman Cox, Tax #918892, at the direction of DI Michael Parente, XO of Zone 3, under the authority of DC Alan Cooper, CO of IAB Criminal Investigations. This Allegation was added for notification purposes only				

ATTACHMENT

1	 <u>'Original Case closing'</u>
2	 <u>'Request for Charges and Specifications'</u>
3	 <u>'Suspension UF-49 for TEA Israel-Teka'</u>
4	 <u>'TEA Israel-Teka's Notification of Disposition'</u>

5	 'Complainant's Notification of Disposition'
6	 'Charges and Specifications Preferred'
7	 'Zone III Case Folder/Final Report/ Review'

Reporting Officer:	Rank LCD	Name COX SHERMAN		Tax Reg. No. 918892		Command G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC
Reviewing Supervisor:	Manner of Closing 5 - SUBSTANTIATED	Date Reviewed 08/05/2020	Date of Next Review	Name COOPER ALAN		Supv. Tax No. 885434
Endorser:	Rank LCD	Name COX SHERMAN	Tax Reg. No. 918892	Command G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC	DateTime Reviewed 07/07/2020 09:58	Status Approved
	Comments ZONE III CASE FOLDER/ FINAL REPORT DIRECTIVES ACKNOWLEDGED AND ADDRESSED. CASE RE-SUBMITTED FOR CLOSING.					
Endorser:	Rank CPT	Name MCCORMICK CAREN	Tax Reg. No. 928742	Command G56-GROUP 56 - TRAFFIC	DateTime Reviewed 07/09/2020 06:32	Status Approved
	Comments THIS CASE HAS AGAIN BEEN REVIEWED AND ALL ZONE 3 DIRECTIVES ANSWERED. I CONCUR WITH THE FINDINGS OF ALL LISTED ALLEGATIONS AND THE OVERALL CASE CLOSING FINDING AS SUBSTANTIATED. FORWARDED TO ZONE 3 FOR FINAL CLOSING APPROVAL.					
Endorser:	Rank DI	Name PARENTE MICHAEL	Tax Reg. No. 905618	Command Z03-ZONE 3	DateTime Reviewed 07/11/2020 14:49	Status Approved
	Comments APPROVED.					
Endorser:	Rank INS	Name CORRADO DERRICK	Tax Reg. No. 897238	Command Z03-ZONE 3	DateTime Reviewed 07/13/2020 13:14	Status Approved
	Comments APPROVE.					
Endorser:	Rank DC	Name COOPER ALAN	Tax Reg. No. 885434	Command CRI-CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	DateTime Reviewed 08/05/2020 17:38	Status Approved
	Comments CONCUR, CASE CLOSED.					